

## Late Night Levy - Year 5 Q1 Update

### 1. Year 5 YTD Income

- 1.1 The Licensing Service has assisted licensees where possible by delaying reminder letters and licence suspensions for non-payment of the Levy where the businesses had to close under Coronavirus regulations. We have started to send out reminders and collect outstanding fees. Without a change to the Late Night Levy legislation, we are obliged to do this.
- 1.2 Instead of collecting two or more years at once, we have sent out reminders for all outstanding amounts and will wait until April 2022 to send out reminders for the upcoming year to give licensees a chance to apply for the accreditation and receive the reduction on the late night levy fees. This may mean, however, that licensees receive two letters in a one year period.
- 1.3 Total receipts in Year 5 to date amounted to £102,791.
- 1.4 There is a balance carried over from previous years of £146,232.
- 1.5 We expect to collect more than our usual annual budget as we are collecting multiple years in some cases and expect receipts to reach between £500K and £600K.

### 2. Year 5 YTD Expenditure

- 2.1 The table below analyses YTD expenditure.

<b>Balance Carried over from Previous Years</b>	<b>£146,232</b>
Receipts to date (November 2021 to January 2022)	£102,791
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<b>Q1 Spend</b>	
<i>Police Overtime Contract- Period covering July - October 2021</i>	£51,617
<i>CCTV Redeployable Cameras</i>	£6,038
<i>2 Cameras - 3 Year Mobile Data Renewal</i>	
<i>Administration, Operational Costs and Salaries</i>	£19,477
<i>Enforcement Patrols</i>	£16,250
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<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>£93,382</b>

### **3.0 Policing & Enforcement**

3.1 From November 2021, we have had the addition of a new team in the Central East BCU, the Shoreditch Town Centre Team. This dedicated team is tasked with problem solving around issues like Violence, VAWG, ASB, robbery and drugs. The addition of this team has added to the resource on Fridays and Saturdays. The Late Night Levy does not fund this team and continues to fund the NTF overtime patrols which consists of 1 Inspector, 4 Sergeants and 24 constables.

3.2 We are not spending the full budget allocated to Policing and additional resource proposals are being received from stakeholders. The legislation states that 70% of net receipts must be allocated to the Police. However, the funds do not have to be solely spent on officers. We can fund other initiatives within that budget that compliment Police activities. All new proposals for funding will be discussed firstly at Partnership Tasking, then the Night Time Economy Subgroup. When accepted, the proposal will then be presented to the Late Night Levy board for approval.

3.3 Current Activities and Proposals being evaluated

- The use of medical staff in the NTE and a safe space where vulnerable individuals can be assisted.
- CCTV Improvements including dedicated NTE operators
- Urinals able to be used by females
- CCTV Radio scheme for licensees (late night levy payees receive a free handset). We have about 50 premises already signed up.
- Data sharing agreement to be able to share photos of offenders with venue security via the Hackney Nights Portal.
- The creation of electronic briefings to be distributed on the Friday every week to nightclubs, bars and pubs ahead of the weekend via the Portal.

### **4.0 Communications and Campaigns**

We are currently working with the Communication department and planning our calendar of Hackney Nights campaigns for 2022.

- Accreditation Scheme Launch
- Public Awareness campaign around Laughing Gas (Nitrous Oxide)
- Creating a version of "Hackney Hospitality Stars", using videos of hospitality workers in the borough to spotlight certain issues and promote good practice on the Hackney Nights Portal, YouTube and socials.

- A June Pride campaign on inclusivity in night time spaces and pushing the accreditation with a list of inclusive venues.
- A drink spiking awareness campaign

## 5.0 Venue Training

Hackney Nights will continue with a constant offering of free training, both available online and in person.

### 5.1 Existing Training Offering:

- Drinkaware e-learning for staff working inside venues, will teach staff the ability to identify alcohol-related vulnerability and take steps to help prevent customers from coming to harm. We also deliver [Drinkaware crew training](#) in person.
- Counter Terrorism, preventing mass casualty incidents. There are E-Learning sessions available on the portal but also in person sessions being planned for March.
- Police welfare and vulnerability (WAVE) training sessions being conducted. There are 8 sessions during March 2022.
- Women's Safety Training, prevention of sexual harassment and assault in licensed premises. Provided by Good Night Out.
- To Serve or not to Serve, responsibilities in regards to serving minors and individuals who are disorderly or drunk.

### 5.2 Proposed Training we are evaluating:

- Inclusivity and safeguarding workshop which will aim to help venues develop a more inclusive door policy as well as train security and staff to be more accessible to victims, to prevent incidents as well encourage reporting to staff. Venues trained will get Hackney Nights inclusivity badges for security staff.
- A short induction safety course for individuals new to the bar trade (Fresher training).
- Hate Crime awareness training

### 5.3 Upcoming Press

- Hackney Nights Case Study by the Greater London Authority (GLA). A consultant commissioned by the GLA will be doing a full case study on the entirety of the Hackney Nights Scheme.
- The Late Night Levy Manager will present a Case Study on Transforming Community Safety Through Harnessing Licensing Powers and Improving Stakeholder Engagement at the Night Time Industry Conference in April 2022.

## **6.0 Portal and Accreditation Scheme**

- 6.1 The service will ask licensed premises to commit to a series of essential and additional themes and benchmarks in order to gain the Hackney Nights accreditation.
- 6.1 The scheme is now in the pilot phase and working with an initial 25 venues as a focus group to test out processes. The scheme will launch publicly once all these venues have completed their accreditation journey. We will then launch our campaign about the accreditation to the public.
- 6.2 Hackney accredited venues will also be safe spaces for women who feel like they are being the victim of sexual harassment or assault. Venues must provide a safe space to help vulnerable individuals who need assistance and/or are waiting for help to arrive from the Police.
- 6.3 Each venue will receive a toolkit which includes a certificate of accreditation, badge for their window so they can display their accreditation to the public, posters, a women's safety handbook, and more.
- 6.4 More than 25 Venues have signed up for the pilot from across the borough. Engagement visits will be delivered throughout the Spring period to increase these numbers but also to visit each venue that has signed up and made an application.

## **7.0 LNL Support Officer**

- 7.1 We will be advertising this role shortly for a part time support officer to be funded by the Late Night Levy. This role will be especially key in further investing in and deepening the reach of the accreditation scheme.
- 7.2 Outreach to Off-licences is planned for Spring and Summer. There will be attempts by the two Pubwatches in Dalson and Shoreditch to ensure that the concerns of owners and licensees are brought to the LNL Board. The support worker will also be tasked to reach out as this important business sector has historically been difficult to engage with.

## **8. Conclusions**

- 8.1 As the night time economy re-opens, we have resumed receiving income and expect to be at regular levels by the Spring.
- 8.2 The online portal and accreditation scheme will be the main focus of the Levy in the coming months.

8.3 Notwithstanding the above, the Licensing Service will continue to prepare and present quarterly updates to the Licensing Committee which, as well as the Board, will maintain oversight of the Levy moving forward.